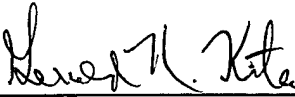


I. Remarks

Claims 1-8; 14, 16-20; 22-25; and 28 are pending in the application following entry of this Amendment. Claims 9-13; 15; 21; 26; and 27 have been cancelled. Claim 1 is the only independent claim pending.

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